

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended) A game machine, in which a plurality of racing members, each having a member name, participate in a plurality of races taken place therein, comprising:

a name assigner, which ~~assigns is operable to assign~~ a player name, which is initially registered by a game player, to an associated racing member as a part of the member name thereof; and

a special race establisher, which ~~establishes is operable to establish~~ a special race having a race name as a selected one of the plural races, and ~~assigns is operable to assign the pre-registered one-player name to the special races as a part of the race name thereof, when in a case where the a-racing member to which the one-pre-registered player name is assigned has a race record better than race records of another racing members.~~

2. (currently amended) The game machine as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a race record evaluator, which ~~evaluates is operable to evaluate~~ race records of the respective racing members in accordance with race results in a predetermined time period.

3. (currently amended) The game machine as set forth in claim 2, wherein:

the race record evaluator ~~displays is operable to display~~ a ranking table in which the racing members are ranked in accordance with the race results; and

wherein the special race establisher ~~determines is operable to display~~ the race name of the special race based on the name of a racing member first-ranked in the ranking table.

4. (currently amended) The horse racing game machine as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

~~the race is a horse races;~~

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the racing members are miniature racehorses; and  
the race record includes the number of prizes acquired by each miniature racehorse.

5. (currently amended) A method of running a racing game in which a plurality of racing members, each having a member name, participate in a plurality of races taken place therein, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

assigning a player name, which is initially registered by a game player to an associated racing member ~~as a part of the member name thereof;~~

establishing a special race having a race name as selected one of the plural races; and

assigning ~~one~~the pre-registered player name to the special race ~~as a part of the race name thereof, when in a case where the~~ a-racing member to which the ~~one~~ pre-registered player name is assigned has a race record better than race records of another racing members.

6. (currently amended) The game running method as set forth in claim 5, ~~wherein further comprising a step of evaluating~~ race records of the respective racing members are evaluated in accordance with race results in a predetermined time period.

7. (currently amended) The game running method as set forth in claim 6, ~~wherein further comprising steps of:~~

displaying a ranking table in which the racing members are ranked in accordance with the race results ~~is displayed~~; and

determining the race name of the special race based on the name of a racing member first-ranked in the ranking table.

8. (currently amended) The game running method as set forth in claim 5, ~~wherein the race is a horse races;~~

the racing members are miniature racehorses; and

the race record includes the number of prizes acquired by each miniature racehorse.